

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1865.

Read a first and second time, recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia, with leave to report at any time, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMAS T. DAVIS, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To prevent the enlistment of persons charged with crime in the District of Columbia, as substitutes in the army or navy, and to prevent frauds at the District jail, in the city of Washington.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That, from and after the passage of this act, it shall be un-  
4       lawful for any person, with knowledge of the fact, to present  
5       or offer to any recruiting agent or officer, or to any mustering-  
6       in officer in the United States military or naval service, either  
7       as a volunteer or as a substitute for any other, any person  
8       charged with the commission of any criminal offence, and  
9       confined or held on bail for the trial of such offence, within  
10      the District of Columbia; and it shall in like manner be un-  
11      lawful for any person, in any way or manner, to abet,

12 aid, or assist in procuring the offer or acceptance of any  
13 person so charged or held for trial, or released on bail and  
14 awaiting trial, either as a volunteer or as a substitute for  
15 any person drafted or liable to draft in the military or naval  
16 service of the United States, whether the person so drafted or  
17 liable to draft shall be a resident of the District of Columbia,  
18 or shall reside elsewhere. And any person who shall know-  
19 ingly offend against the provisions of this section, or either of  
20 such provisions, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,  
21 and shall upon conviction thereof, before a court of competent  
22 jurisdiction in said District, be punished by a fine of not less  
23 than two hundred and fifty dollars and not more than one  
24 thousand dollars, and by imprisonment in the District prison  
25 for a term not less than six months nor more than one year.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any officer of  
2 the district jail of the District of Columbia, or any guard  
3 thereof, or any attache or employee connected with said jail,  
4 who shall demand or directly or indirectly receive, any com-  
5 pensation fee, reward, or gratuity for any information given  
6 in respect to any prisoner confined therein, or awaiting trial  
7 upon bail, or for any service, assistance, or influence rendered,  
8 given, or exerted, with any view, intent, or purpose of hav-  
9 ing such person thus charged or held for trial, or held on bail  
10 to await trial, taken, offered, or used either as a volunteer  
11 or as a substitute for any other in the military or naval

12 service, or who shall corruptly receive, for any act done by  
13 virtue of his office or employment, any fee, compensation,  
14 reward, or gratuity, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,  
15 and shall on conviction thereof in any district court of com-  
16 petent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine of not less than two  
17 hundred and fifty dollars, and not more than one thousand  
18 dollars, and by imprisonment in the district prison for a term  
19 not less than three months nor more than one year.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall  
2 take effect immediately.